

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12-14, 16, 23, 30 and 42 are pending in the present application. All of these claims presently stand rejected. By the above amendments, and consistent with the helpful telephone conversation with the Examiner, claims 1-5, 8-9 12-14, 16, 23 and 30 have been canceled, and new claims 43-45 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Non-elected Claim

The Examiner states that claim 42 was automatically non-elected. Applicants have cancelled claim 42 herein.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 5, 12-14, 16, 23 and 30 presently stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,539,619 to Goodall (hereinafter "Goodall"). Applicants have canceled claims 1-3, 5, 12-14, 16, 23 and 30 herein. As such, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate and acknowledge the indication by the Examiner that claims 4, 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of

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the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New independent claims 43, 44 and 45 have been added and represent original dependent claims 4, 8 and 9 respectively, rewritten in independent form so as to include the features of the base claim and the intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that new independent claims 43, 44 and 45 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendment and remarks, applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the claims. Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney.

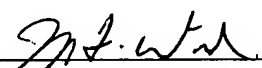
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A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed for the fee due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies of payment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426 to avoid the unintentional abandonment of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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